

Cove Lake is located  
30 miles northwest of Knoxville,  
on U.S. 25W. From I-75, take  
Exit 134; travel 1/2 mile on Veterans  
Memorial Highway and take the first left turn.

#### Hours of Operation:

8 a.m. until sunset

#### For Further Information, Contact:

Cove Lake State Park / 110 Cove Lake Lane / Caryville, TN 37714

Phone (423) 566-9701

#### Or Contact:

Tennessee State Parks / 401 Church St., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor / Nashville, TN 37243

Phone (888) 867-2757 / [www.tnstateparks.com](http://www.tnstateparks.com)



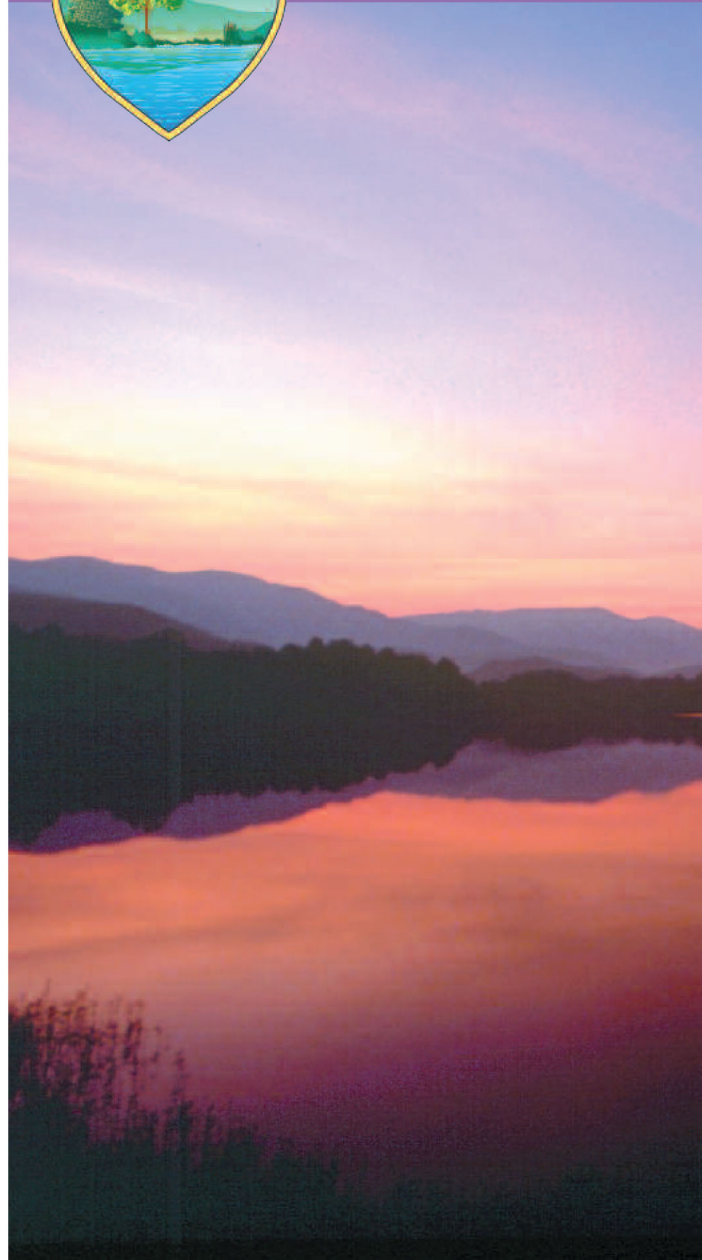
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# TENNESSEE STATE PARKS

## COVE LAKE

### STATE PARK





### **Cove Lake State Park,**

with its 667 acres of land and 210-acre lake, is situated in a picturesque valley surrounded by the towering Cumberland Mountains. This park was established on the shores of Cove Lake, an arm of Norris Lake created by an auxiliary dam at Caryville, TN. This bird wachers paradise provides ample opportunity for nature enthusiasts, while also providing a variety of recreational opportunities. Most all park facilities are handicap accessible, including two playgrounds.

### **Historical Significance**

The ancient Americans once inhabited this area. Mound builders, as they were called, prospered along Cove Creek from 1000 to 1200 A.D. The University of Tennessee excavated their mounds and habitation sites in 1937. Raised earthen remnants of one mound are still visible at the end of "Goose Island."

### **Meeting Rooms**

There is one indoor pavilion with full size kitchen and central heat/air that can accommodate up to 130 people for meetings, weddings, rehearsal dinners, family reunions and church picnics. It may be reserved up to a year in advance.

### **Restaurant**

Open year round, the restaurant seats 115 persons with outdoor deck seating also available. There is an exquisite view of Cove Lake from the restaurant. Please contact (423) 566-6676 for more information.

### **Camping**

Cove Lake has a 106-site campground, with five handicap sites, all with water and 20 or 30 amp electric hookups, picnic tables and grills at each site. Campsites are available on a first-come first-serve basis.

### **Picnic Shelters**

There are 112 picnic tables and grills to serve individual park visitors. Six large picnic shelters with grills are available for rent and can be reserved up to a year in advance. All shelters are conveniently located close to one of three centrally located restrooms and a playground.

### **Boating**

Flat bottom fishing boats are available for rent year round; pedal boats are available in the summer months. No personally owned boats are allowed on Cove Lake.

### **Fishing**

Year round fishing is permitted on the 210-acre Cove Lake. A valid Tennessee fishing license is required as per TWRA Fishing Regulations. Bass and bluegill are the best sporting fish in the lake, but good catches of crappie always tempt the angler."

### **Hiking and Biking**

We have over 7 miles of trails ranging from easy to moderate of which 3.6 miles are paved for multi-use, including jogging and biking. Our trail also provides access to The Cumberland Trail, Tennessee's first linear state park.

### **Planned Programs**

A full-time naturalist is available throughout the summer months, providing many planned activities including guided walks, bicycle tours, arts and crafts, campfires, movies, and demonstrations.

### **Swimming**

The newly renovated outdoor swimming pool complex, open from Memorial day to Labor Day, offers an Olympic-sized swimming pool, kiddy pool, refreshment stand and restrooms. There is a charge to access the pool.

### **Nearby Attractions**

- **Big South Fork National Recreation Area**, 30 miles
- **Museum of Appalachia**, Clinton, TN, 15 miles

### **Other Nearby State Parks**

- **Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail**, [www.cumberlandtrail.org](http://www.cumberlandtrail.org)
- **Norris Dam State Park**, 10 miles